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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATING PROSPECTS

1. TIMES JANUARY 14 CARRIED ITEM FROM AMMAN BY PAUL MARTIN WHICH QUOTED "SENIOR JORDANIAN OFFICIAL" WHO DID NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED. OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID JORDAN COULD NOT ESTABLISH EVEN A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PLO WHILE GUERRILLAS MAINTAINED THEIR PRESENT LEADERSHIP. HE SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF PLO RE-ESTABLISHING POLITICAL, LET ALONE MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY.

2. HE ADDED THAT JORDAN DID NOT EXPECT ANY ISRAELI MOVEMENT ON WEST BANK DURING NEXT ROUND OF DISENGAGEMENT. EMPHASIZING STATUS QUO ON JORDANIAN FRONT WAS LIKELY TO REMAIN FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS AT LEAST, HE SAID TIME ALONE WOULD PROVE THE PLO'S ABILITY TO MOVE THE ISRAELIS.
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3. "PERSONALLY," SOURCE CONTINUED, "WE DO NOT FEEL THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO IS UP TO IT. WHATEVER WAS DECIDED AT RABAT SUMMIT REGARDING PLO'S ROLE, WE BELIEVE THE ARAB STATES WILL AGAIN ASK JORDAN TO SHOULDER TASK OF RE-COVERING WEST BANK. HOWEVER, THIS ACTION IS OUT OF OUR HANDS FOR THE MOMENT. FOR US AGAIN TO TAKE UP THE TASK, WE MUST BE REQUESTED TO DO SO BY THE ARABS."

4. SOURCE CONTINUED: "ISRAEL HAS MADE IT CLEAR IT WILL NOT TALK TO THE PLO, SO THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION IS THAT WE WILL BE CALLED UPON ONCE AGAIN. UNDER SUCH CIRCUM-STANCES IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE WOULD BE ONLY TOO WILLING TO ASSUME OUR RESPONSIBILITIES."

5. MEANWHILE, JORDAN WOULD CONTINUE WITH REORGANIZATION OF ITS INTERNAL STRUCTURE "IN THE LIGHT OF THE RABAT DECISION," SOURCE SAID.

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